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that is the kind of thing we were talking about the other day where you just simply leave those people on the streets. So I would hope that those funds go to decriminalization, or to detoxification centers, Senator Kelly.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, do you have something else to say?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, I'd just close again, and my statement is that we're talking about \$800,000 of which it's only going to be \$400,000, which is in addition to \$1,200,000 of which we have absolutely no understanding of where that \$1,200,000 went, but yet we need more because we don't know where the other went.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, a question of Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes.

SENATOR COPE: Senator Cullan, of the amount that is paid in taxes, the 12 to 14 million I believe it was said, and this addition, is the main purpose for this for treatment and rehabilitation, or is it for secondary reasons...that is due to intoxication, welfare, incarceration, you could go on down the line? I guess that's what I'd like to know.

SENATOR CULLAN: Well thank you, Senator Cope, and I would like to ask Senator Kelly to listen in particular. We have 1.2 million dollars right now from LB 204 monies that go to the regional governing boards and the local governing boards decide where to spend that money, and most of it is in the area of treatment. Now this \$800,000 goes to general fund, and it has always been the policy of the State of Nebraska to send that money to the general fund, and each year the Appropriations Committee decides how much to send to the regions. Now since we are increasing the tax by about \$800,000, I would have an A bill to send, and for the next fiscal year it would be half of that...I will have an A bill to send that to the regions for them to disburse to alcohol programs, and I intend to encourage those regions to use that money for the detoxification centers and other things that result from the very serious problems we have with decriminalization of intoxication, so there is somewhere else to take those people who are intoxicated. I wish Senator Kelly had been